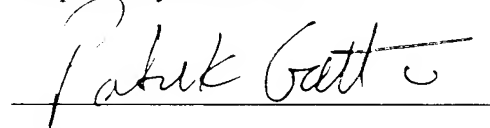


REMARKS

The foregoing amendments merely correct formal matters and remove multiple dependencies in order to reduce the filing fees and to bring the claims into conformance with U.S. practice by removing multiple dependent claims that depend from multiple dependent claims. No new subject matter has been introduced by way of these amendments. A marked-up version of the amended claims is attached as Appendix A.

If there are any questions or comments regarding this Preliminary Amendment or application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney as indicated below.

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APPENDIX A

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Marked-up Version of Amended Claims to Show Changes Made

1. (Amended) An electric assembly (~~20, 50~~) comprising a transformer (~~30, 56~~) and a translucent electricity insulating permanent cover (~~31, 52~~) therefor, to transmit heat generated by the transformer outwardly.
2. (Amended) An assembly as claimed in claim 1 wherein the cover (~~31, 52~~) is transparent.
3. (Amended) An assembly as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ 1 wherein the transformer comprises a transparent bobbin (~~22~~) on which a core (~~23~~) for the transformer and transformer windings are provided.
4. (Amended) An assembly as claimed in ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ 1 wherein the cover is in the form of a skin (~~38~~).
5. (Amended) An assembly as claimed in claim 4 wherein the skin (~~38~~) comprises a transparent outer shell (~~34~~) of a rigid material and a layer (~~37~~) of a transparent filling material provided between the shell and the transformer.
6. (Amended) An assembly as claimed in claim 5 wherein the shell comprises first and second body halves (~~32, 34~~) fitted together to form the shell.
7. (Amended) An assembly as claimed in ~~any one of claims 4 to 6~~ wherein the skin comprises outwardly extending protrusions (~~33~~), to provide a clearance between the skin and a surface on which the assembly is mounted in use.
8. (Amended) An assembly as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~ wherein the cover comprises a plurality of pins (~~58~~) for mating with and making electrical contact with a conventional socket arrangement.

9. (Amended) An assembly as claimed in claim 8 wherein the transformer forms part of power supply circuitry ~~(54)~~, the power supply circuitry comprising a first output ~~(66)~~ which is accessible through the cover.

10. (Amended) An assembly as claimed in claim 9 wherein the power supply circuitry comprises a second output ~~(68)~~ which is in parallel with the first output and also accessible through the cover.

11. (Amended) An assembly as claimed in ~~any one of claims 9 to 10~~ wherein the circuitry comprises a fuse ~~(62)~~ and the fuse is provided in a recess ~~(60)~~ in the cover.

12. (Amended) An assembly as claimed in claim 11 wherein the cover comprises a lid ~~(64)~~ for opening and closing the recess.

13. (Amended) A method of forming an electric assembly, the method comprising the steps of:

- providing a transformer ~~(30, 56)~~; and
- permanently enclosing the transformer in a translucent electricity insulating cover ~~(31, 52)~~ which, in use, transmits heat generated by the transformer.

14. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 13 wherein the transformer is enclosed by locating the transformer in a rigid transparent shell ~~(31)~~.

15. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 14 wherein the transformer is located by providing a rigid transparent shell ~~(31)~~ having a shape substantially the same as a general shape of the transformer; mounting the transformer ~~(30)~~ in the shell so that a small clearance is defined between substantially a whole of an outer surface of the transformer and the shell; and filling the clearance with a transparent electricity insulating material ~~(37)~~.